

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 199

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor The Grease Rack on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and commend those exemplary businesses and proprietors that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, have contributed greatly to this State for many years; and

WHEREAS, one such acclaimed company is The Grease Rack, which recently celebrated fifty years of dedicated service to the good people of Newport; and

WHEREAS, The Grease Rack was founded in 1972 by Earl and Joyce Woods, the parents of the current proprietor, Buddy Woods; it began as a grill and bar, and it continues to operate in the same building, which was originally a Texaco gas station; and

WHEREAS, the gas station operated in the 1960s until the oil embargo directly impacted business, and the filling station closed; by 1972, the new restaurant had begun and customers offered the idea for the name, The Grease Rack, and Earl Woods went along with it; and

WHEREAS, Earl and Joyce Woods ran the business until Mr. Woods's passing in 1991; Mrs. Woods and her daughter Judy took up the mantle and ran the business until 2015, when her oldest son Buddy and his wife, LuAn, took over the business; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Woods, who was a basketball star in high school and junior college, met his wife while they attended Charleston Southern University; after graduating, they married and continued to grow the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, a regional staple and local favorite, The Grease Rack has garnered a reputation for its famous menu, which includes high-quality beef, steak, chicken, seafood, and burgers, to name but a few offerings; and

WHEREAS, The Grease Rack has operated and devotedly served customers for fifty years, and we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud this outstanding business and its proprietor Buddy Woods for its ongoing commitment to excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate The Grease Rack on the celebration of the restaurant's fiftieth anniversary and applaud the members of the Woods family for their ongoing legacy of integrity and commitment to excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.